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NATIONAL EGG MARKET AT-A-GLANCE



In Chicago, prices were lower on all sizes. In all other areas, prices were unchanged. The trade sentiment for mediums ranged steady to weak when based on current price levels. Larger eggs remained weak in the Midwest and South Central regions, firm in the Southeast, and mostly steady in the Northeast. Demand was light to good, best where features were in progress or planned for next week. Supplies were generally adequate in all locations except California, which had light offerings. Breaking stock supplies were adequate to available for the light to moderate demand. Light type hens were usually sufficient for the fair demand.

NORTH ATLANTIC Prices were unchanged in all areas. The market tone was about steady to steady. Demand was light to moderate, better where promotional activities were either in progress or planned for next week. In the Philadelphia area large eggs were being advertised from 59 cents to 99 cents per dozen. Supplies were sufficient at current price levels. Breaking stock demand was only fair for adequate offerings. Light type hens were adequate for current processing schedules.

NEW YORK Prices were unchanged entering the weekend. The market tone was steady. Demand was light to moderate, best where features were in progress or planned for the upcoming week. Supplies were adequate for current requirements.

MIDWEST Prices to producers in Iowa-Minnesota-Wisconsin were 1 cent lower for large and 2 cents lower on mediums with smalls unchanged. Prices elsewhere were unchanged. Trade sentiment was steady to instances barely steady, mostly steady to about steady. Retail and food service movement was light to moderate. Supplies were adequate to occasionally ample for all sizes. Central States nest run breaking stock prices were unchanged. Offerings were generally adequate to available for current schedules. Some processors were continuing to reduce schedules for next week. Demand was light to moderate. Floor stocks closely balanced to adequate. Trade sentiment steady to barely steady.

CHICAGO Prices for extra large and large declined 1 cent, mediums down 2 cents. Trade sentiment steady to barely steady. Retail and food service demand generally moderate, instances good, best where features are planned or in progress. Feature noted on large buy one get one free. Supplies of all sizes adequate.

SOUTHERN Prices ended the week unchanged. Asking prices for next week's deliveries were trending higher on the larger sizes but lower on the balance. The market tone was fully steady for the heavy weights and generally steady on mediums. Demand was light to moderate, best where features were in progress or planned for next week. Supplies were adequate to occasionally ample. Breaking stock offerings were sufficient for the fair demand. Light type hens were adequate to fully adequate for processing needs.

WEST COAST Prices unchanged. The market tone was weak with asking prices for next week 4 cents lower on all sizes in California and 2 cents lower on all sizes in the Northwest. Retailer demand good. Offerings within the region in good balance.

PRICES TO RETAILERS - SALES TO VOLUME BUYERS, GRADE A AND US GRADE A WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, DELIVERED STORE DOOR OR WAREHOUSE, CENTS PER DOZEN.

| NORTHEAST CITIES | EXTRA LARGE | LARGE | MEDIUM |
|------------------|-------------|-------|--------|
| Boston (Brown) | 106-108 | 95-97 | 79-81 |
| New York | 73-75 | 70-73 | 60-63 |
| Philadelphia | 71-73 | 69-71 | 59-64 |

SOUTHERN CITIES

| | | | |
|----------------------------|-------|---------|-------|
| Atlanta (1) (2) | 65-66 | 63.5-65 | 57-58 |
| Jackson (1) | 73-74 | 72-73 | 66-67 |
| Major Louisiana Cities (1) | 78-93 | 77-91 | 61-75 |

MIDWEST CITIES

| | | | |
|------------------------|-------|-------|-------|
| Chicago | 63-68 | 62-67 | 49-54 |
| Detroit (2) | 62-65 | 61-63 | 51-54 |
| Major Ohio Cities (2) | 63-69 | 62-67 | 52-58 |
| Major Wisconsin Cities | 66-73 | 64-71 | 55-62 |

WESTERN CITIES

| | | | |
|----------------------------------|--------|-------|-------|
| Houston (1) | 86-90 | 83-85 | 67-70 |
| Southern California(Grade AA)(4) | 90-103 | 88-95 | 77-83 |
| California (Grade AA) (1) (3) | 106 | 98 | 87 |

(1) - Prices Reported Weekly (3) - Reported Invoice Prices
(2) - Delivered Warehouse (4) - Prices To Retailers

CALIFORNIA EGGS Prices unchanged. The market tone was weak with asking prices for next week 4 cents lower on all sizes. Retailer demand good with feature activity widespread. Local offerings light. Small invoice price 67. Ads in Southern California: major- large 18 pack 99 at 2 chains; smaller outlets- jumbo dozen 99-119, extra large dozen 79-109, large dozen 88-99, 20 pack 167.

CALIFORNIA

PRICES INVOICE, USDA GRADE AA AND GRADE AA, IN CARTONS, CENTS PER DOZEN.

| | RANGE |
|-------------|-------|
| JUMBO | 119 |
| EXTRA LARGE | 106 |
| LARGE | 98 |
| MEDIUM | 87 |

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA:

PRICES TO RETAILERS, SALES TO VOLUME BUYERS, USDA GRADE AA AND GRADE AA, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, DELIVERED STORE DOOR, CENTS PER DOZEN.

| | RANGE |
|-------------|---------|
| JUMBO | 106-116 |
| EXTRA LARGE | 90-103 |
| LARGE | 88-95 |
| MEDIUM | 77-83 |

PRICES TO CONSUMERS MAJOR CHAINS, METROPOLITAN AREA, USDA GRADE AA AND GRADE AA, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, CENTS PER DOZEN.

| | RANGE |
|-------------|---------|
| JUMBO | 229-289 |
| EXTRA LARGE | 219-259 |
| LARGE | 199-229 |
| MEDIUM | 187-189 |

CENTRAL STATES BREAKING STOCK Prices were unchanged.

Offerings were generally adequate to available for current breaking schedules. Demand was light to moderate as breakers access needs for next week. A number of operations were planning a continued reduction in processing schedules for next week. A few breakers needing additional product were bidding well within the current quoted range. Floor stocks in close balance to adequate. Trade sentiment steady to barely steady.

PRICES PAID TO 11:00 A.M., MATERIAL EXCHANGED, 30 DOZEN CASE EQUIVALENT, 48 LB. MINIMUM NET WEIGHT, DELIVERED TO BREAKERS, CENTS PER DOZEN.

| | RANGE | MOSTLY |
|---|-------|--------|
| NEST RUN | 38-42 | 40 |
| CHECKS & UNDERGRADES | 24-27 | |
| CENTRAL STATES AREA: | | |
| AR,CO,IA,IL,IN,KS,LA,MI,MN,MO,NM,ND,NE,OH,OK,SD,TX,WI | | |

EASTERN REGION BREAKING STOCK Prices were unchanged when compared to early week trading. Demand was only fair for adequate offerings. Undertone was generally steady with traders watching further market developments. Cases broken under federal inspection in the Eastern region for the week ending February 17, 2000 were 5% more than the previous week, but 6% less than a year earlier.

PRICES MATERIAL EXCHANGED, 30 DOZEN CASE EQUIVALENT, 48 LB. MINIMUM NET WEIGHT, DELIVERED TO BREAKERS, CENTS PER DOZEN.

| | RANGE | MOSTLY |
|--|-------|--------|
| NEST RUN | 34-39 | |
| CHECKS & UNDERGRADES | 21-27 | 21-25 |
| EASTERN REGION AREA: | | |
| AL,CT,DE,FL,GA,KY,ME,MD,MA,MS,NH,NJ,NY,NC,PA,RI,SC,TN,VT,VA,WV | | |

EGGS PROCESSED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION W/E 17-Feb-01

| | (LBS IN THOUSANDS) | | (EXCLUDES INGREDIENTS) | | | |
|------|--------------------|---------|------------------------|--------|--------|--------|
| | CASES | LIQUID | LIQUID | LIQUID | DRIED | INED. |
| | BROKEN | WHOLE | WHITE | YOLK | | |
| CW | 1,058,926 | 24,325 | 10,476 | 5,824 | 2,087 | 4,034 |
| PW | 1,077,797 | 24,178 | 10,955 | 6,221 | 2,510 | 3,772 |
| LY | 1,068,696 | 23,696 | 11,260 | 5,961 | 2,805 | 3,449 |
| % PW | -2 | 1 | -4 | -6 | -17 | 7 |
| % LY | -1 | 3 | -7 | -2 | -26 | 17 |
| 2001 | 7,582,267 | 171,334 | 76,486 | 42,378 | 18,502 | 27,673 |
| 2000 | 7,798,570 | 175,183 | 78,804 | 43,473 | 22,116 | 26,022 |

AVERAGE YIELD PER CASE -

| CURRENT WEEK | PREVIOUS WEEK | LAST YEAR |
|--------------|---------------|-----------|
| 42.17 | 41.87 | 41.51 |

NATIONAL LIQUID No pasteurized salt yolk reported with pasteurized whites reported at 26 cents fob. Trade sentiment was steady to fully steady for whole egg and yolk and steady to about steady for whites. Offerings were adequate to barely adequate for yolk, adequate to instances tight for whole egg, and adequate for whites. Demand was active for whole egg and yolk and a few buyers expressed concern on availability of yolk for next week's needs. White demand was mostly light to moderate. Breaking stock supplies were closely balanced to adequate with lower trending prices.

Prices paid cents per lb., FOB Plant to 10:00 AM Friday 23 February, 2001 non-pasteurized trucklot. For delivery within 14 days.

| CLASS | LOADS | RANGE | WTD. AVG. | CHANGE FROM LAST WEEK |
|--------|-------|-----------|-----------|--------------------------|
| WHOLE | 14 | 34-36 | 34.86 | 2.40 |
| WHITES | 11 | 22.5-24.5 | 24.00 | .23 |
| YOLKS | 18 | 48-53.5 | 52.08 | .33 |

EASTERN REGION FROZEN Prices were unchanged on whites, unchanged to slightly higher on whole, and ranged slightly higher on sugar and salt yolks but mostly unchanged when compared to a week earlier. Trading was only fair with supplies usually sufficient for most trade needs. The undertone was mixed and unsettled. Liquid and frozen eggs (ingredients included) processed under federal inspection in the Eastern region for the week ending February 17, 2001 were 7% more than last week, but 8% less than a year ago. WHOLESALE SELLING PRICES (CENTS PER POUND IN 30 LB. CONTAINERS)

| | TRUCKLOTS | | LTL (MIN. 25 CONT.) |
|--|-----------|--------|------------------------|
| | RANGE | MOSTLY | RANGE |
| WHOLE | 46-49 | 47-48 | 54-56 |
| BLENDS (/) | TFEWR | | 63-85 |
| WHITES | 35-37 | | 41-54 |
| SUGARED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS) | 66-69 | 66-68 | 71-76 |
| SALTED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS) | 63-67 | 63-65 | 69-74 |
| (/) - WHOLE PLUS YOLK PLUS SWEETENER, GENERALLY 28-32% EGG SOLIDS. | | | |

CENTRAL REGION FROZEN Frozen whole egg prices ranged 1 cent higher with the balance of prices unchanged. Trade sentiment was mostly steady with whole egg steady to instances fully steady.

Demand was light to moderate and the majority of buyers were showing interest in short terms needs only. Offerings were adequate for needs with supplies balanced to adequate. Breaking stock supplies were adequate to available with prices trending lower when compared to last week's reported prices. WHOLESALE SELLING PRICES (CENTS PER POUND IN 30 LB. CONTAINERS)

| | TRUCKLOTS | |
|--------------------------------|-----------|--------|
| | RANGE | MOSTLY |
| WHOLE | 46-49 | 47-48 |
| WHITES | 35-37 | 36 |
| SUGARED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS) | 65-68 | 66-68 |
| SALTED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS) | 63-65 | |

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA FROZEN Prices 1 cent higher on whole, unchanged on whites and yolks. Southern California breaking activity for the week ending 2/17 was 6% less than the previous week. Breaking stock light. Frozen demand light and freezer stocks adequate.

WHOLESALE SELLING PRICES, FOB SHIPPING POINT (CENTS PER POUND IN 30 LB. CONTAINERS) LTL (MIN. 25 CONT.)

| | RANGE |
|--------------------------------|-------|
| WHOLE | 54-57 |
| WHITES | 41-44 |
| SUGARED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS) | 73-76 |
| SALTED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS) | 70-73 |

NATIONAL DRIED EGG Prices were unchanged on blends, unchanged to lower on whole and albumen, and lower to sharply lower on majority trading of yolks when compared to a week earlier. The market tone was mixed and unsettled. Trading was in a range of light to fair with supplies sufficient for current needs. Dried eggs processed under federal inspection for the week ending February 17, 2001 were 17% less than last week, and 26% less than the same week a year ago.

WHOLESALE SELLING PRICES, DOLLARS PER LB., IN CONTAINERS, TRUCKLOT AND LESS-THAN-TRUCKLOT VOLUMES.

| | | |
|-------------------------------|-----------|------------------|
| WHOLE | 1.65-1.85 | MOSTLY 1.65-1.72 |
| YOLKS | 1.45-1.65 | MOSTLY 1.50-1.55 |
| ALBUMEN, SPRAY, DRIED | 2.52-3.00 | MOSTLY 2.60-2.75 |
| BLENDS (WHOLE PLUS SWEETENER) | 1.20-1.35 | MOSTLY 1.25-1.30 |

TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES WEEKLY WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICES (CENTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR FEB 16, 01-FEB 22, 01

| CURRENT LOADS | | | | | | | | FUTURE LOADS | | | | | | | | TOTAL LOADS | | | | | | | |
|---------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|--------------|-------|-------|-----|-----|-------|-------|-------|-------------|--|--|--|----|--|--|--|
| 150.75 | | | | | | | | 64.25 | | | | | | | | 215.00 | | | | | | | |
| SE | | | | NE | | | | MW | | | | SC | | | | NW | | | | SW | | | |
| CLASS | ORG | DST | ORG | DST | ORG | DST | LOADS | CLASS | ORG | DST | ORG | DST | ORG | DST | LOADS | | | | | | | | |
| GNR W XL | — | 47.00 | — | — | — | — | 1.00 | GNR W 1 | 54.17 | 56.13 | — | — | — | 58.25 | 36.00 | | | | | | | | |
| GNR W 1 | 47.10 | 50.76 | 46.13 | 48.14 | 52.75 | — | 73.25 | GNR W 2 | — | 37.00 | — | — | — | — | .50 | | | | | | | | |
| GNR W 2 | — | 50.00 | 44.50 | 46.00 | — | — | 3.50 | GNR W 3 | — | 47.00 | — | — | — | — | 1.00 | | | | | | | | |
| GNR W 3 | — | 47.00 | 42.00 | — | — | — | 2.00 | GNR BR 1 | — | — | — | — | — | — | 1.00 | | | | | | | | |
| GNR W 4 | — | — | — | — | 28.00 | 31.00 | 1.00 | GL W J | 60.44 | — | — | — | — | 70.00 | 3.25 | | | | | | | | |
| GNR BR 1 | — | — | 59.00 | 60.50 | — | — | 2.00 | GL W XL | 57.27 | 60.55 | — | — | — | 63.17 | 11.50 | | | | | | | | |
| GL W J | — | — | — | — | 58.00 | — | 1.00 | GL W LG | 58.94 | 59.98 | — | — | 68.00 | 63.94 | 29.25 | | | | | | | | |
| GL W XL | — | 56.89 | — | 54.73 | 52.22 | — | 18.00 | GL W MD | — | — | — | — | 54.50 | 52.33 | 4.75 | | | | | | | | |
| GL W LG | — | 56.39 | 51.60 | 54.00 | 55.24 | — | 38.25 | GL W SM | — | — | — | — | 45.00 | 47.50 | .50 | | | | | | | | |
| GL W MD | — | 42.00 | 34.21 | 35.57 | 38.67 | 39.03 | 16.50 | NRBS - 48 | — | 43.00 | — | — | — | — | 7.00 | | | | | | | | |
| GL W SM | 26.88 | 28.25 | 25.73 | 27.07 | — | — | 5.75 | NRBS - 42 | 31.00 | 33.00 | — | — | — | — | 1.50 | | | | | | | | |
| GL BR XL | — | — | — | 57.00 | 53.50 | — | 1.00 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| GL BR LG | — | — | — | — | — | 59.00 | 1.00 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| NRBS - 50 | — | — | — | 41.00 | — | — | 1.00 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| NRBS - 48 | — | — | — | — | 40.75 | 40.00 | 20.00 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| NRBS - 42 | — | — | — | — | 44.00 | — | .50 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| NRBS - 39 | — | — | 13.00 | 15.00 | 24.25 | 28.70 | 9.25 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| NRBS - 36 | — | — | — | — | 23.50 | 25.50 | 1.00 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |

WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICES ARE LISTED FOR VARIOUS CLASSES PRICED BY ORIGIN AND/OR DESTINATION FOR 6 REGIONS. THE LOADS COLUMN REFLECTS TOTAL LOADS REPORTED AND INCLUDES LOADS WITH PRICES TO BE DETERMINED LATER. NRBS CATEGORIES REPRESENT NET WEIGHT-MATERIAL MAY OR MAY NOT BE INCLUDED. LOAD MOVEMENT REPRESENTS TOTAL MOVEMENT WITHIN 6 REGIONS.

EASTERN LIGHT Prices were unchanged. Demand was fair for offerings that were adequate to fully adequate for trade needs. Processing schedules were generally normal. Interest for finished product was clearing available supplies. The undertone was no better than steady.

SOUTH CENTRAL LIGHT LIVE HEN Trading was too few to report. Demand was moderate for fully adequate offerings of spent hens. Finished sales were mixed. Trade sentiment was no better than steady.

NORTH CENTRAL LIGHT LIVE HEN Prices were unchanged. Offerings were more than ample for the light demand. Schedules full-time. Trade sentiment steady.

WEST COAST LIGHT LIVE HEN Plants worked desired schedules. Offerings generally ample.

LIVE TYPE HENS

CENTS PER LB., DAY OF NEGOTIATION, GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER WITHIN THE NEXT 10 DAYS

| | LIGHT | RANGE | MAJORITY |
|-------------------|-------|-------|----------|
| Eastern Light | 0-0 | (1) | |
| Eastern Light | 0-0 | (2) | |
| So. Central Light | TFEWR | (2) | |
| No. Central Light | TFEWR | (1) | |
| No. Central Light | 0 | (2) | |

(1) Buyer Loading (2) Producer Loading
(TFEWR) TOO FEW TO REPORT

SHELL EGGS-12 METRO AREA FOR WEEK ENDING 23-FEB-01
AVERAGE PRICES ON SALES TO VOLUME BUYERS, GRADE A
LARGE OR BETTER, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, DELIVERED
STORE DOOR, CENTS PER DOZEN.

| REGIONS | EX LARGE | LARGE | MEDIUM |
|--------------------|----------|-------|--------|
| NORTHEAST | 73.51 | 71.13 | 61.94 |
| SOUTHERN | 74.53 | 73.19 | 62.60 |
| MIDWEST | 66.10 | 64.73 | 54.59 |
| WESTERN | 98.78 | 92.85 | 81.16 |
| TWELVE METRO AREAS | 81.09 | 77.73 | 67.26 |

COMPUTED FROM SIMPLE WEEKLY AVERAGES WEIGHTED BY METROPOLITAN AREA POPULATIONS

NATIONAL CANNER FOWL MARKET Prices were usually unchanged on light canners and unchanged to slightly lower on heavies when compared to a week earlier. Trading was very light for a demand that ranged from fair to good. Offerings were irregular with floor stocks clearing. Undertone was unsettled to about steady.

CENTS PER POUND, CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS, WITH OUT FREIGHT COST

LIGHT CANNER HENS **HEAVY CANNER HENS**
(LINE RUN WITHOUT NECKS) (WITHOUT NECKS)

22-24 MAJORITY 35-36 MAJORITY

CENTS PER POUND, CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS, FREIGHT COST INCLUDED

LIGHT CANNER HENS **HEAVY CANNER HENS**
(LINE RUN WITHOUT NECKS) (WITHOUT NECKS)

25-26 MAJORITY 37-38.5 MAJORITY

LIVE POULTRY SLTRD UNDER INSPECTION W/E 17-Feb-01

(PRELIMINARY) **U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED DOMESTICALLY**

| | LIGHT | HEAVY | TOTAL |
|------------------|--------|-------|--------|
| (THOUSANDS) | HENS | HENS | HENS |
| HEAD | 1,585 | 1,487 | 3,072 |
| LAST WEEK | 1,956 | 1,346 | 3,302 |
| SAME WEEK YR AGO | 1,986 | 1,335 | 3,321 |
| TO-DATE/2001 | 12,634 | 8,884 | 21,518 |
| TO-DATE/2000 | 14,229 | 9,301 | 23,530 |

U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED IN CANADA

| | LIGHT | HEAVY | TOTAL |
|------------------|-------|-------|-------|
| (THOUSANDS) | HENS | HENS | HENS |
| HEAD | 580 | 21 | 601 |
| LAST WEEK | 436 | 7 | 443 |
| SAME WEEK YR AGO | 599 | 0 | 599 |
| TO-DATE/2001 | 3,735 | 48 | 3,783 |
| TO-DATE/2000 | 4,038 | 27 | 4,065 |

SOURCE: AGRICULTURE CANADA, POULTRY DEVELOPMENT DIVISION

TOTAL U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED IN THE U.S. AND CANADA

| | LIGHT | HEAVY | TOTAL |
|------------------|--------|-------|--------|
| (THOUSANDS) | HENS | HENS | HENS |
| HEAD | 2,165 | 1,508 | 3,673 |
| LAST WEEK | 2,392 | 1,353 | 3,745 |
| SAME WEEK YR AGO | 2,585 | 1,335 | 3,920 |
| TO-DATE/2001 | 16,369 | 8,932 | 25,301 |
| TO-DATE/2000 | 18,267 | 9,328 | 27,595 |

Inspected Egg Products-U.S. & Canada Export/Import Trade**U.S. Exports to Canada, in Pounds (000) (Preliminary)**

| Week Ending Feb 10, 2001 | | Year-To-Date | |
|--------------------------|---------|--------------|------|
| 2001 | 2000 /1 | 2001 | 2000 |
| Liquid | 142 | 142 | 631 |
| Frozen | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Dried | 22 | 0 | 22 |
| Total | 164 | 142 | 653 |

U.S. Imports From Canada, in Pounds (000) (Preliminary)

| Week Ending Feb 10, 2001 | | Year-To-Date | |
|--------------------------|---------|--------------|------|
| 2001 | 2000 /1 | 2001 | 2000 |
| Liquid | 104 | 271 | 672 |
| Frozen | 41 | 2 | 102 |
| Dried | 0 | 40 | 40 |
| Total | 145 | 313 | 814 |

Inspected Shell Eggs**U.S Exports To Canada, In 30-Dozen Cases (Preliminary)**

| Week Ending Feb 10, 2001 | | Year-To-Date | |
|--------------------------|---------|--------------|--------|
| 2001 | 2000 /1 | 2001 | 2000 |
| Jumbo | 0 | 0 | 13 |
| Extra Large | 0 | 280 | 730 |
| Large | 2,290 | 1,920 | 9,471 |
| Medium | 300 | 1,193 | 1,050 |
| Ungraded | 3,780 | 0 | 9,060 |
| Misc | 900 | 0 | 1,687 |
| Total | 7,270 | 3,393 | 21,998 |

/1 Comparable Week, to-date figures may not total due to rounding.

Source: USDA/AMS Poultry Programs, Market News Branch in cooperation with Agriculture Canada, Pltry Development Div.

DETROIT PRICES TO FIRST RECEIVERS, CASES INCLUDED, USDA GRADE A AND GRADE A, 30 DOZEN CASES, WHITE EGGS LOOSE. CENTS PER DOZEN.

| JUMBO | EXTRA LARGE | LARGE | MEDIUM | SMALL |
|-------|-------------|-------|--------|-------|
| 70-73 | 61-67 | 59-64 | 49-54 | 30-34 |

IOWA-MINNESOTA-WISCONSIN PRICES PAID TO PRODUCERS, LOOSE, AT FARM (CASES EXCHANGED, GRADE YIELD BASIS). CENTS PER DOZEN

| | LARGE | MEDIUM | SMALL |
|--|-------|--------|-------|
| | 42-44 | 28-30 | 12-14 |

NEW ENGLAND PRICES PAID TO PRODUCERS, CASES EXCHANGED, GRADE YIELD BASIS, BROWN EGGS LOOSE, AT FARM CENTS PER DOZEN.

| JUMBO | EXTRA LARGE | LARGE | MEDIUM | SMALL |
|---------|-------------|-------|--------|-------|
| 127-130 | 87-90 | 76-79 | 60-63 | 21-24 |

WEEKLY COLD STORAGE HOLDINGS -

SELECTED STGE CENTERS FEDERAL-STATE (INCL GOVT STOCKS) (IN THOUSANDS)

| | FREGS LBS | TURKS LBS | POP LBS |
|--------------|--------------|--------------|------------|
| AM 19-Feb-01 | 3,245 | 94,397 | 66,724 |
| AM 1-Feb-01 | 3,433 | 92,899 | 73,442 |
| CHG | -188 | 1498 | -6718 |
| PCT CHG | -5 | 2 | -9 |

MOVEMENT OF EGGS INTO RETAIL CHANNELS

W/E 17-Feb-01

| SELECTED CONSUMING CENTERS | CW THOUSANDS | PW | PCT CHG | |
|-------------------------------|-----------------|-------|---------|-----|
| | | | PW | LY |
| ATLANTA | 21.9 | 22.7 | -4 | -14 |
| BOSTON | 3.6 | 3.5 | 3 | 0 |
| CHICAGO | 50.6 | 48.7 | 4 | 13 |
| DETROIT | 27.6 | 28.0 | -1 | 4 |
| KANSAS CITY | 3.9 | 3.9 | 0 | 3 |
| LOS ANGELES | 130.3 | 121.0 | 8 | 44 |
| NEW ORLEANS | 9.3 | 8.9 | 4 | 3 |
| NEW YORK | 34.5 | 31.9 | 8 | 4 |
| ST. LOUIS | 14.3 | 13.1 | 9 | 13 |
| SAN FRANCISCO | 22.1 | 22.2 | 0 | 3 |
| TOTAL | 318.1 | 303.9 | 5 | 17 |
| 4 WK MVG AVG | 306.3 | | | |

COMMERCIAL EGG MOVEMENT REPORT

W/E 17-Feb-01

(RECEIPTS FROM PRODUCERS)

| REGIONS | CASES (IN THOUS) | PERCENT CHANGE FROM | |
|--------------|---------------------|---------------------|----|
| | | PW | LY |
| N. ATLANTIC | 222.3 | 0 | -1 |
| E.N. CENTRAL | 531.4 | 9 | 16 |
| W.N. CENTRAL | 260.4 | 2 | 8 |
| S. ATLANTIC | 196.7 | 1 | 0 |
| S. CENTRAL | 72.5 | -1 | 6 |
| WEST | 196.5 | -1 | -2 |
| TOTAL | 1479.8 | 3 | 6 |

MATCHED PLANTS REPORTING 90 90

NEW ENGLAND WEEKLY SHELL EGG

FEBRUARY 20, 2001

PRICES PAID PER DOZEN GRADE A BROWN EGGS IN CARTONS DELIVERED STORE DOOR.

| | EXTRA LARGE | LARGE | MEDIUM | SMALL |
|-------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|----------------|----------------|
| MAINE MOSTLY | 120 - | 109 - | 95 - | 54 - |
| NEW HAMPSHIRE MOSTLY | 114-118 116-117 | 103-107 105-106 | 86-90 88-89 | 47-51 49-50 |
| RHODE ISLAND MOSTLY | 116-120 116 | 105-106 105 | 89-93 89 | 50-54 50 |
| VERMONT MOSTLY | 123-130 123 | 112-120 112 | 95-96 96 | - - |

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CHICKENS**AND EGGS****JANUARY EGG PRODUCTION UP 1 PERCENT**

U.S. egg production totaled 7.21 billion during January 2001, up 1 percent from last year. Production included 6.11 billion table eggs and 1.10 billion hatching eggs, of which 1.03 billion were broiler-type and 67.0 million were egg-type. The total number of layers during January 2001 averaged 333 million, up 1 percent from the total average number of layers during January 2000. January egg production per 100 layers was 2,164 eggs, down 1 percent from 2,178 eggs in January 2000.

January 2001 contained 23 weekdays, 2 holidays and four Saturdays, compared to 21 weekdays, 2 holidays and 5 Saturdays in January 2000.

All layers in the U.S. on February 1, 2001, totaled 335 million, up 2 percent from a year ago. The 335 million layers consisted of 276 million layers producing table or commercial type eggs, 56.2 million layers producing broiler-type hatching eggs, and 2.81 million layers producing egg-type hatching eggs. Rate of lay per day on February 1, 2001, averaged 69.1 eggs per 100 layers, down slightly from the 69.4 eggs a year ago.

Laying flocks in the 30 major egg producing States produced 6.75 billion eggs during January 2001, up slightly from January 2000. The average number of layers during January, at 312 million, was up 1 percent from a year earlier.

MONTHLY COLD STORAGE REPORT

(In Units of 1,000)

| | Dec 31 1999 | REVISED - A Dec 31 2000 | Jan 31 2000 | -B- Jan 31 2001 |
|--------------------------|------------------------|--|------------------------|--------------------------------|
| FROZEN EGGS: | | | | |
| Whites | 501 | 3,590 | 4,550 | 4,499 |
| Yolks | 722 | 893 | 793 | 859 |
| Whole & Mixed | 8,085 | 9,483 | 11,119 | 10,148 |
| Unclassified | 763 | 1,005 | 1,146 | 1,052 |
| <i>Total Frozen Eggs</i> | 10,071 | 14,971 | 17,608 | 16,558 |